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Effigy Mounds Presents Russ Baldner

“Sacred Places: Native American Rock Art of Northeast Iowa”

Effigy Mounds National Monument is pleased to present Russ Baldner on Saturday, October 20th, in honor of Iowa Archeology Month this October. Baldner will present “Sacred Places: Native American Rock Art of Northeast Iowa” at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

Baldner’s illustrated talk, “Sacred Places: Native American Rock Art of Northeast Iowa”, is a visual and interpretive introduction to northeast Iowa’s early Native American rock art legacy gathered over two decades of personal research in the area’s hills and valleys. This program will feature rock art photography and will examine various aspects of this uncommon and fragile form of human expression. Consisting of petroglyphs (rock carvings) and rare pictographs (rock paintings), these rock art images may date back to Iowa’s late prehistoric period, a time preceding the advent of Euroamerican settlement of the area.

Russ Baldner, a local historian, taught history and social studies for over 30 years at both South Winneshiek High School and Northeast Iowa Community College. He and his wife live in Spillville, Iowa and spend their spare time studying and exploring Native American studies and rock art, ethnic and language research, native prairies and natural history.

This October, *Ioway* Archeology Month focuses on honoring the Ioway tribe from which this state gets its name. Later this month visitors are encouraged to come for an open house and special showing of “Lost Nation: The Ioway” on Sunday, October 28 from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. “Lost Nation: The Ioway” tells the dramatic true tale of two brothers’ struggle to save their people from inevitable American conquest, and the Ioway’s current fight to reclaim and maintain their unique history and culture.

For more information visit the web site at www.nps.gov/efmo or call the monument at (563) 873-3491. Effigy Mounds National Monument’s visitor center is located 3 miles north of Marquette, IA, and 22 miles south of Waukon, IA, on Hwy 76.

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